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# State Women In Ag Conference Set for Farmington

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Mark your calendars for September 16 – September 18 for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual State Women In Ag Conference at Crown Pointe Lodge in Farmington.

Call Crown Pointe Lodge at 866-381-4386 to book your room. The Lodge has a bad line that sometimes will either crackle or disconnect and they said to call right back and it will go thru. So do not be discouraged ©

This year's theme...Women In Ag Down Under

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An exciting venue awaits with vendors, workshops and a banquet with special guest "Susie O" and silent auction to end Monday evening.

Tuesday venue will take you to the Bonne Terre Mine & Boat tour, St. Joe Mining Museum, lunch at The Old Depot and end at the Hacienda de Molinero. The hospitality room and silent auction will be open as well as entertainment with GTO (Good Time Oldies).

Wednesday will end with the closing ceremony from 9am-11am and safe travels back home!

### Registration deadline is August 16<sup>th</sup>!

Visit our website at <a href="http://www.swcd.mo.gov/grundy/2013WIA.htm">http://www.swcd.mo.gov/grundy/2013WIA.htm</a> to access the registration brochure (pdf).

# **2013 Grundy County Poster Contest Winners**



4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Skylar Gott, State Qualifier

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Amanda Parrack

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Payden McCullough



5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Briana Carpio, State Qualifier



5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Aubrey Gann



5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Drew Prindle



6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Sidney Lynch, State Qualifier



6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Caleb Brazel



6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place River Reiter

#### 2013 State Envirothon

The 2013 State Envirothon Competition was held at Prairie Fork Conservation Area in Williamsburg on Thursday, May 2nd. Pembroke Hill A, Pembroke Hill B, Columbia FFA, Parkway North, Smith Cotton, Cape Central A, Cape Central B, Valle Catholic, Houston High School, Licking High School, West Nodaway High School, Missouri Academy A, Missouri Academy B, Incarnate Word Academy, Troy Buchanan, Stockton High School and LaPlata High School made up the 17 teams that were eligible to compete this year.

Prairie Fork is a beautiful area and was the perfect setting for this year's competition. Below are the top 10 that placed in the event:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Pembroke Hill A
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Pembroke Hill B
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Columbia FFA
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Parkway North
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Smith Cotton
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	Cape Central A
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	Valle Catholic
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	Houston High School
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	Licking High School
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	West Nodaway High School

I was so excited that West Nodaway placed, since they are from our NW Region. During our NW Regional Envirothon Competition held in November 2012, West Nodaway placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and advanced to State Competition. This was their first experience with the Envirothon and I look forward to more teams participating in this event.

The Envirothon is a wonderful program for youth. To find out more about the Envirothon you can visit the Grundy County website at <a href="http://www.swcd.mo.gov/grundy/Envirothon.htm">http://www.moenvirothon.org/</a> or the North American Envirothon website at <a href="http://www.envirothon.org/">http://www.envirothon.org/</a>.



#### **FSA News**

#### **CROP REPORTING DEADLINE IS JULY 15, 2013**

#### **CRP Mid-Contract Management Reminder**

If you enrolled land in CRP that became effective October 1, 2003 or after, certain contracts are required to complete a series of mid-contract management practices on the acreage. These practices include: strip disking, prescribed burning or chemical applications.

There is a certain time period during each year that the management practice must be performed depending on the established cover. These practices were contained in your conservation plan that you completed with NRCS at the time your acreage was enrolled in CRP. Cost-share is available for all three practices and you must report completion of the practice to your FSA office by 09/30/2013. There should be absolutely **no disturbance** between May 1<sup>st</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>, due to primary nesting season.

Food plots should also be completed by 09/30/2013.

If you have any questions concerning these management practices contact your local FSA office. Penalties for non-compliance will be applied.

Below are the Mid Contract Management (MCM) dates.

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## 2013 DCP Sign-Up

Enrollment for the 2013 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) & the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) began February 19, 2013. All producers planting on DCP base acres must be identified on the DCP/ACRE contract and receive a proportionate share of DCP/ACRE payment for the farm. Please call and schedule an appointment.

# **Ownership Changes**

If you have purchased/sold a farm please contact our office with the information and bring in <u>recorded</u> deeds showing the land transactions. Doing this in a timely manner will help things run smooth during program enrollment and payment times. Reviewing program implications with your local FSA staff before completing a sale of farmland is always a prudent precaution.

# From the Field: Closing out FY'13 by Kevin Stover District Technician II

As the fiscal year of 2013 closes, the staff and the Board of Supervisors of the Grundy County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to thank all of the landowners and contractors of Grundy County that endeavored weather, of several extremes, to complete needed conservation work. From the drought of the 2012, to the long winter and snow of early May, and the heavy rains at the end of May and June of 2013, landowners, contractors, SWCD, and NRCS staff worked to place over \$350,000 in Missouri State Cost-Share on the ground.

Of this \$350,097.14, seventy-six practices were completed. Breaking it down by the numbers, 38 for Drought Assistance, 34 for Terraces w/Tile, 2 for Dry Basins, 1 Diversion, and 1 Permanent Seeding were completed from June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 through June 15<sup>th</sup> 2013. In addition to the State Cost-Share, NRCS additionally placed \$503,150, MRBI/EQIP practices on the ground in Grundy County.

To show some of this completed work, take a look at the photos from just a few of the finished constructed practices that have been completed this past year. As always, the sign up for cost-share is perpetual and you my download an application from our website <a href="http://www.swcd.mo.gov/grundy/index.html">http://www.swcd.mo.gov/grundy/index.html</a>, drop by our office at 3415 Oklahoma Avenue, or give the District Staff a call at 660-359-2006 Ext. 3.



# **Pics of Grundy County Practices**





# **Tech News by Kevin Stover**

# Grass Roots:

A special note to hay and pasture producers in Grundy County: A copy of the information from the "Tall Fescue Renovation Workshop" held at the MU Forage Systems Research Center in Linneus, MO and presented by the Alliance for Grassland Renewal is now available for review at the Grundy County SWCD Office. Drop by and ask to see this important reference material.



### Cost Share Data for FY 2013

#### **Tons of Soil Saved**

Practice Type	Tons of Soil Saved
Terrace Systems	3740
Ponds	630
Basins	200
Diversions	80
Vegetative Cover Establishment	550

#### **Acres Served**

Practice Type	Acres Served
Terrace Systems	302.6
Ponds	84.5
Basins	11
Diversions	3
Vegetative Cover Establishment	22
Feet of Terrace Installed	Cubic Yards of Earthwork
47.340	15.733

# Kids Corner – 4th of July Trivia & Facts

#### 4th of July Trivia & Facts - An Inspired America

American's truly embrace their freedom, liberty, and independence. Check out some of the facts below to learn more about how patriotic certain places and people in America can be. These details will make great additions to your 4th of July trivia game!

- Thirty places nationwide with "liberty" in their name. Liberty, Missouri (26,232) boasts the highest population of the 30 at 26,232. Iowa has more of these places than any other state at four: Libertyville, New Liberty, North Liberty and West Liberty.
- Eleven places have "independence" in their name. The most populous of these is Independence, Missouri, with 113,288 residents.
- Five places adopted the name "freedom." Freedom, California, with 6,000 residents, has the largest population among these.
- There is one place named "patriot" Patriot, Indiana, with a population of 202.
- And what could be more fitting than spending the day in a place called "America"? There are five such places in the country, with the most populous being American Fork, Utah, with 21,941 residents.

This excerpt was found at http://www.purpletrail.com/partytrail/holiday parties/fourth of july/4th of july history trivia and facts

### Kids Corner – Recipe RASPBERRY FIZZ

#### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 cups cranberry juice
- 3 cups seltzer
- 1 cup ginger ale
- 1 pint raspberry sorbet

#### **Directions**

In a small saucepan over high heat, combine the sugar and 1/2 cup of water. Bring to a boil and cook until slightly thickened, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat and add the lime juice. Let the lime syrup cool to room temperature.

In a large pitcher, combine 1/2 cup of lime syrup with the cranberry juice, seltzer, and ginger ale. To serve, pour into glasses and top with scoops of raspberry sorbet.



#### **Mission Statement**

The purpose of the Grundy County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is to construct and carry out a complete soil and water conservation program on all lands within Grundy County, Missouri. The district supervisors will work with all individuals, organizations and agencies interested in saving, maintaining and improving soil and water resources within the district.

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# **2013 Upcoming Events**

#### **Holiday Closings**

#### July

4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day

#### September

2<sup>nd</sup> – Labor Day

#### **EVENTS**

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> – Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 North American Envirothon Competition Bozeman, MT

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 2013 State Women In Ag Conference Farmington, MO

#### **SWCD Board Meetings**

July 15<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am August 19<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am September 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am

Board Meetings are held at the USDA Service Center 3415 Oklahoma Avenue

All meetings are open to the public with the exception of executive sessions. If you wish to be on the agenda please notify the District



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# Happy Holidays to you from the Staff!



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